

CB 62-69

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MEMORANDUM NO. [REDACTED]

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Reply [REDACTED]

REFERENCE: [REDACTED]

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Please pass the following information [REDACTED]

1. We welcome the constructive comments made in the referenced memorandum. With respect to item 1, there has been many changes in the coaxial cable plans of Poland since the CCITT Conference in Rome, April 1968. These changes stem primarily from actions generated by the JBR within the workings of the Organization for Cooperation Among the Socialist Countries in the Fields of Post and Communications (OSK). They are highlighted in various reports [REDACTED]

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Although microwave radio relay will indeed be used as the main medium for the relay of television programs within Poland, we see no evidence to suggest that this medium will be the main transmission mode for all other telecommunications services. Rather we believe that Poland, as is the case in most other major European Satellite countries and the USSR, is aiming at the development of a balanced telecommunications system that will employ both high-capacity coaxial cable and microwave radio relay lines on most key arterial routes for internal and external communications purposes.

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2. In terms of items 2a and 2c we fully concur [REDACTED] on the existence of the cited lines. However, the map associated with CIA/RN CB 62-69 only intended to depict those main microwave radio relay lines with a capacity of 240 or more telephone channels plus television. The lines mentioned in items 2a and 2c do not fall into this category.

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3. We were aware of the laying of cable along the routes cited in item 2a. The only question was whether the cable was a-tube coaxial. [REDACTED]

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4. We agree with the comments in item 3b paragraph 1. In light of these comments, however, it is difficult to find justification for the statement in the last sentence of item 3b paragraph 2, [REDACTED]

5. In relation to item 3c, the current lack of high capacity multiplex equipment does not necessarily rule out the eventual use of the Moscow-Lviv-Katowice-Prague coaxial cable line for the passage of the telephone, telegraph, and data transmissions of the SAM complex. Because of the overall strategic importance of the intra-bloc 4-tube coaxial cable network, it is assumed that these lines will be equipped on a priority basis. There are, in fact, indications that the USSR has already begun shipment of some K-1920 multiplex gear to Czechoslovakia.

6. We'll be glad to hear from you at any time on this or other matters of mutual interest.

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